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CONGREGATIONAL WORLD MOVEMENT

ere is no need of confusing this World Move- with the Interchurch. The Interchurch was ly an outside agency for pushing at the same by unified advertising and enthusiasm, the rent denominational World Movements. If the church should pas saway (which it has not), denominational need and the denominational ef- would still remain.

body gave or pledged to the Interchurch when gave or pledged to the Denominational World ement. Those who gave to the Congregational ld Movement gave to a good cause and their ey went to the purposes of the Movement,—the aining of our Congregational effort throughout whole world. Let those who once gave, give n. And again. And again, until there is no more gregationalism and Congregational World Mis-; and that will be the Millenium.

ur C. W. M. (which means "Congregational World ement") this coming year wants and must have 0,000. A big sum of money? Not so big though. year we eight hundred thousand Congregational- raised—well, add it up, subscriptions to the Pil- Memorial Fund, $6,500,000 (of which $2,500,000 been paid in the first year); pledges to the Emer- y Fund, $2,000,000; and the regular apportion- t of $2,000.000. That figures our pledges at $10,- 00, with a payment of about $6,500,000. Over nst that of last year we are asked to raise this only $5,000,000. Spell it out so that you will not et it: Five millions dollars.

n it be done? Most assuredly it can. There are e big givers in our denomination, just as in all minations. If the little givers will do their share, nobody shirk we will raise the amount so easily be crying another year for bigger tasks to do. ally is all in the spirit with which we attack the If we go at it with expectation of success, it will one briefly and triumphantly.

ery church and every member will be furnished a full account of what we are planning to do, and we expect to accomplish. Keep the date—De- ber 5th—as sacred to our high endeavor.

PUT IT INTO THE BUDGET

w shall we get that 20 per cent subscription list the State Conference voted at Asilomar? Partly going out after subscribers. But many pastors churches won't do that. Here's a better way. it into the budget."

w many members have you on the roll? 358. Twenty per cent of that is 71. Put $71.00 down in the budget of the church expenses; pick out 71 families who do not take the Pacific and tell us to send a copy each month to them for the year. It will solve the Pacific question, enlighten them as to our work; and your conscience will be clear. Try it. Some of the churches are already discussing this plan with every prospect of adopting it.

HOW A PROMINENT JAPANESE CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT IT

Mr. Harada, former president of the great Doshisha University of Tokio was present at the Bay Association and made an address upon the Anti-Japanese agitation in California. He urged that so fundamental a matter as the regulation or restriction of immigration of Japanese to this country, or their rights here under treaty agreements, should not be decided in a mass vote, but was only a proper subject for diplomatic consideration between two great nations. The sentiment of the chairman was applauded that we American Congregationalists would use all our means to prevent the driving of a wedge between these two friendly peoples.

THE MINISTERS' WIVES

A few years ago a group of Congregational ministers' wives got together and organized a club to be open for membership to all the ministers' wives about the Bay and as far away from it as they would wish to come. The club has flourished and grown in numbers until now it has an enrollment somewhat over fifty. The club met in Berkeley on Tuesday, October 5th at the home of Mrs. Loyal L. Wirt, twenty-eight of them. The club is especially for fellowship sake, and it is fulfilling its mission.

There was a program of music; two piano selections by Mrs. Richard Ham; two songs by Mrs. Brooks; two piano selections by Miss Mildred Jensen, a young lady of the Mill Valley church; and a well read story by Mrs. Nash. The club voted to have regular meetings every other month.

For the coming year the following officers were elected: Mrs. F. H. Maar, president; Mrs. Richard Ham, vice-president. Mrs. L. L. Wirt, secretary-treasurer. The program committee is: Mrs. G. H. DeKay, Mrs. W. A. Schwimley and Mrs. C. C. Wilson. The next meeting is to be held in January.

Most congregations have been foundered by a surplus of preaching which they forgot to practice.

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SHADOWS

(To the Near East Relief)

She came like a flash of sunshine,
The child from across the street,
Skipping around the corner
On trim little joyous feet;
I watched from my open window
The careless toss of her head,
And caught the sound of her pleading,
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

But swift in the wake of her sunshine,
What was it that came behind?
Shadows and phantoms of shadows,
Crippled, and maimed, and blind.
And what was the hollow thunder
That echoed the words she said?—
Voices of starving millions,
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

Little gray ghosts of children,
Waifs from across the sea—
Armenia, Greece and Syria—
Spoke through that child to me
Her little plea of hunger
A ready response will find—
But what of those other children,
The shadows who came behind?

How we in our comfort forget things!
A wave of compassion and then
Back to our poor selfish interests,
Our own little troubles again.
Well, back if you can in your sunshine,
Oh you who are sheltered and fed;
But I, I am haunted by shadows—
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

FRUITVALE ENTERTAINS

The meeting of the Bay Association on Columbus Day was notable for the number present and the interest of the program. "The Making of America," was the major theme. Prof. Tolson told what contributions had come from the Roman Catholic countries; Rev. Wm. Schwimley what from the Protestant countries, and Prof Buckham furnished a fine description of the influence coming to our national life from the Pilgrim Fathers. Dr. Gordon of the San Francisco First gave one of his Question Box addresses at the evening gathering. The Fruitvale church (Chas. F Clarke, pastor) was the generous hostess of the Pil grims of the Bay region.

A NOTEWORTHY RECORD

The charge that the church is wholly out of step with modern social and political movements, canno be substantiated, at least as far as the First Congre gational Church at Stockton, California, is concerned

This church has a wideawake social service depart ment which is conducting a night school for Syrians in the foreign districts of the city. In four months time, meeting only twice a week, women who were totally illiterate completed the first reader and could write legibly. Not only was the school managed by the department but the teacher selected was one of the church members.

It is, however, in other activities of the communit that the church shows up as a social agency. Stock ton is famed as the home of the Coffee Club. Th originator of the movement and the present socia service director is a member of this church, as is als one of the board of directors.

The County Farm Adviser, the Director of the Cit Play Ground Commission, the City Director of th Camp Fire Girls, the Representative in the State Le islature, are all members of this church, and the ne city librarian is soon to become a member. Th church furnishes the executive secretary and th physical director and three members of the board directors of the city Y. M. C. A.

When the Stockton Boy Scout Council made up i executive committee, two members were select from this church and the first scout executive becam a member during his term of office. When Unc Sam made up his Draft Board, which has recent been disbanded, he selected as one of the three, th president of our church board of trustees.

To a member of this church the city owes i gratitude for the promotion of a successful d nursery and one of our physician members is phy cian to the city clinic while another has served i cently as city health officer and is secretary of t local Red Cros chapter.

THE INDIVIDUAL

The One-Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of t American Board was held at Marietta, Ohio, on Oc ber 12-15. The first evening session was devoted the annual sermon and the communion service. F. J. Van Horn of the First Church, Oakland, was t preacher of the sermon.

Rev. A. Craig Bowdish, pastor of the Paia Un Church, which is located on Maui of the Hawai group, sailed on September 15 after four months vacation in California. It is the custom in Haw to give one month of vacation for a year of servi The pastors and missionaries are urged to take t vacation once in three or four years in order t they may keep fresh and vigorous for their wo

Bowdish writes from the steamer that he is "go- back with a renewed courage and a refreshed ight" from his California experience and a new lization of "abiding values." The pastors and ple of our churches who met and heard Mr. vdish were delighted with his pleasing personality l the helpful, inspiring note of his messages.

PERTINENT REMARKS

Dean Farrar: "No ages are worse, no places more rupt, than those that draw the iridescent film of intellectual cuture over the deep stagnancy of ral degradation."

Theodore Roosevelt: "I read Macauley primarily pleasure, as I do all books; but I get any amount profit from him incidentally."

ra Landrith: "Never belong to a political party; ke your party belong to you."

Herbert Hoover: "Forty nations already belong the League of Nations, and more than seventy-five cent of the human population of the world."

D. H. Lawrence: "People; not the the plebs, nor yet Upper Ten; nor mannequins . . . men who are nebody, not men who are something."

Prof. William Lyon Phelps of Yale: "You see, I lly believe in the incarnation—that the Son of d is not only the Saviour of the world, but that He l eventually save it."

Lord Roseberry: "It is character that rules the rld."

Mayor Bartlett of Berkeley: "If we look at big siness as a social agency, we shall find that it has en a failure."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.: "Franklin Roosevelt is a verick; he does not carry the brand of our family."

Si" Smith of Skowhegan: "Neither does Theo- e, Junior. There may be a Theodore, Junior; but re ain't no Theodore the Second."

PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR

. Special effort for the recovery of absent mem- s of the churches, with necessary revision of the ls.

. Observance of Thanksgiving Sunday as cele- tion of signing of the Mayflower Compact.

. Christmas Sunday; Forefathers' Day; The nding of the Pilgrims (with use of pictures and geants).

. Intensive study of Congregational World Move- nt during three weeks of November.

. Every Member Canvass on December 5th.

. Special emphasis on evangelism; Lenten season be devoted to evangelistic effort, culminating in ster ingathering.

. Throughout the year emphasis on Young Peo- 's work and Religious Education, increasing mem- ship and effectiveness of the Sunday school.

DIRECT FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

The Pacific received so good a letter from Fred odsell of the American Board at Constantinople t it must share some of it with our readers. It s dated September 7 and reached our office thirty- r days later. He says:

"I have just spent a happy hour with the August number of the Pacific. The hour is late; I am weary after a strenuous day in old Stamboul, but I am prompted to send you a word laden with a deep sense of fellowship and comradship.

"It is a far cry from California to Constantinople, but I would not be here if it were not for California Congregationalism and Congregationalists, so I reckon it is not so far after all.

"There is hardly a page in this issue (and it is the same with every other I have seen) which does not bristle with items of fresh and appealing interest to me—personal news, church news, and community news. All of which gives me a new sense of the breadth and the depth of the Home Base.

"I cannot reach very far into the life of this city with Christ's message, unless I have an ever-quick- ened sense of fellowship with those at home who care. Your pages stir that sense within me."

The Pacific is heartened by these words; why shouldn't she be? To think that the little paper has carried cheer and blessing half-way round our big world to the one heart that needed its message. "We thank God and take courage."

THE CHINESE TURMOIL

The "little war" as they call it in China is not a squabble between military governors as it appears on the surface, but actually underneath it is a struggle between the progressives and the reactionaries; be- tween those who would have China come out into a larger and better life, and those who would keep her in her 3,000-year bonds, even going so far as to keep up a partnership with the Japanese agents who are so subversive of China's true interests. It is a serious matter, and the future of that great country will be decided by the issues of the present turmoil.

Fourteen Directors from various parts of our North- ern California Conference gathered in San Francisco for an all-day meeting to consider and plan for the Congregational World Movement canvass which is scheduled to come off in all our churches on Sunday, December 5.

Edward D. Eaton, former president of Beloit Col- lege, has been temporarily appointed Secretary of the National Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hubert Herring. The appointment is until the next meeting of the Council in Los Angeles.

Rev. Bryant C. Preston of Palo Alto has received a hearty call from the Garvanza Church at Los Angeles.

Rev. Robert G. Harbutt has accepted a call to Stevenson, Washington, and is at work. He was form- erly located at Kenwood and Todd, California.

The late Robert Walker left a valuable library, and his family have decided to dispose of a part of it at a considerable reduction in price. Ministers and students desiring any of the volumes may obtain catalogues and price-lists by writing to Mrs. Robert Walker, Los Altos, California.

THE INSTITUTION

San Francisco, First

J. L. Gordon, Pastor. A down-town church with the auditorium crowded not alone Sundays but week-day evenings; that is the record. One Sunday morning—mark you morning, not evening when crowds down town are usually going somewhere—but in the morning, over 400 were turned away because there was no room inside. The pastor explains it by saying that it was a very fine morning; but that does not explain. Sunday evenings it is rare when everybody can get in. Wednesday nights are not so very different either. One new feature is going to work out permanent good. A social director has been chosen, Mrs. J. H. Dickinson, who is making everybody feel at home and acquainted. This is no easy task, yet it is a vital task. Mrs. Dickinson is performing it. No one need feel friendless in this great church.

San Mateo

At a largely attended meeting on Sunday, October 3, the church decided to go ahead with a financial canvass for the erection of a new church building that shall be adequate to the needs of the community. The meeting also added the handsome sum of $900 to the pastor's salary. R. H. Baldwin is pastor.

Porterville

Rally Day was great. The Sunday school began it with darkened room and illustrated Life of Christ. At the church services two Persian boys were baptized, which was followed by prayer in Persian tongue by the father of the boys. In the evening the service was "a church exhibit, or who's who." At a fellowship dinner the men went into "secret conclave" and came out with the beginning of a Brotherhood for "all men who are interested in progressive religious movements."

Berkeley North.

The pastor, Ralph B. Larkin, has been granted a leave of absence of three months for rest and recovery of health. Rev. Augustine Jones of Los Angeles is to be the pulpit supply. Pastor Larkin has been under the weather for some time due largely to his strenuous devotion to all kinds of Christian and social service. It is hoped that the rest will return him to pristine vigor.

San Francisco, Sunset

The church is prosperous in every way. Reports show the financial condition very encouraging, all bills paid and balance in the treasury. A Boy Scout's Troop has twenty-two members, Donald Aubertine leader. The gymnasium is kept busy by a Young Ladies' Club, a Girls' Club, and a Young Men's Club. Wm. J. Speers is pastor.

Benicia

Rev. LaRue Watson has resigned the pastorate of this church after two years and more of service. He has accepted a call to the new Congregational work at Tehachapi in Southern California. At the Interchurch Programizing Conference of Kern County it was discovered that Tehachapi had a defunct Methodist organization which would be unable to function even if it were revived. The Conference decided that the community should be a Congregational responsibility. In consequence of that decision the Congregationalists enter the town under the leadership of Mr. Watson. The Pacific wishes both the young minister and the young church great usefulness to the community.

San Lorenzo

On account of a small pox scare in town the church services were discontinued for awhile. They have been resumed with good congregations.

Bethlehem, San Francisco

Pastor Brereton is already accomplishing good results in this church. By faithful pastoral work and a kindly patience the pastor was happy on October 5 in receiving four members to the church. This is the first time any members had been received into the church for three years, and the first time the communion service had been administered for nearly the same period.

Glen Ellen

The church which had practically gone out of existence has been revived. Enough of the members of the old church were gathered together to make a quorum. At that meeting fourteen new members were voted in, two of them coming from the Boy Scouts under the leadership of J. D. Mehl. At the meeting and the supper which followed there were fifty present. We expect good reports from Glen Ellen from this time on.

Sunnyvale

On Friday evening, October 1, following a fine musical program at the Congregational church, Superintendent Dodge gave a very interesting lecture on "Hawaii, the Paradise of the Pacific." It was beautifully illustrated by a number of instructive pictures and the audience was delighted with the whole evening. Mr. Dodge's many years upon the Islands have furnished him with much valuable material which he knows how to use skillfully.

Hydesville, Humboldt County

Once a thriving town, with three churches, Congregational, Christian and Methodist. Recently the Methodists have gone out of business and the other two have federated. The new institution uses the Congregational parsonage and the Christian Church building. The community now desires to utilize the Congregational building as a community center and plans are already making toward this end.

Santa Rosa

Rev. J. Kendrick Ballou who has been pastor of the Federated Church for about a year has announced that he is going to retire to his ranch in Sutter county and engage in farming. For a time he served as probation officer of the county very acceptably.

Tacoma, First

The Sunday Evening Open Forum is to have twelve evenings upon evolution, with discussions of "Evolution, the Key of Life," "Evolution the Foe of State Religion." The social institutions, Bible, church, theology, the devil and a host of other things are to

onsideration in relation to evolution. Dr. Dyer e recently on "Darwin and God." He said "there enty of room for both Darwin and God; in de- ing Darwin we do not destroy the Christian faith; he scientific world the fact of evolution has ed beyond debate, the discussion now is How, , When."

ion Avenue, Los Angeles

teen years is a long time to remain pastor of church. Rev. William Davies thought it was too —for the good of the church. But his church sed to agree with him. He resigned this summer xing that a change in leadership would be a fit to the field. With hearty unanimity the ch declined to accept the resignation; instead of they added $500 to his salary, and appropriated a year for his wife as pianist of the church. and Mrs. Davies have gracefully submitted and started upon their second eighteen years of ser-

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church has had a Rally Day and a "Glory Day." first was celebrated on October 3 with excellent cises in the Sunday School and in the morning ch services. The children were marched through "Open Gate" formed by two scholars and were promoted to the next grade for the coming . "Glory Day" was observed on October 10 with gathering together of the charter members and reminescences of the early history of the church town.

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y day on September 26 was a fine success. There e 220 scholars in attendance as against 151 a year The church is trying the experiment of a social hour after the evening services, light refresh- ts being served by the committee in charge.

nese, San Francisco

ng blood came to the rescue recently. When nany church determined to federate with the sbyterian Church at Trinity Center, it voted to its fine pipe organ to the Chinese Church as a petual memorial of Dr. W. C. Pond so long its cor, and one who has been chief in the Chinese k on the coast. But the organ struck a snag. Chinese members said they could not afford the ense and there was no special need for the organ. e is where the young people got in some fine k; they rose up in their strength, raised the ney and the organ is assured to both the memory Dr. Pond and the uses of the Chinese Christians he Bay city.

Bernardino, First

H. Mobray, pastor. October 10 was a great and py Sabbath for pastor, people and community. On t morning the new pipe organ was dedicated. It is ift of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harris in loving memory heir daughter, Pearl Harris Swing. As the great gregation gathered for the service they were ick by the beauty of the scene; the dark mission sh of the walls served as an excellent foil for the golden pipes of the organ. The loving friends of Pearl Harris had brought baskets of flowers as their part of the service. The builder of the organ is Mr. Moller, who also built the great organ of Pomona. Pearl Harris was a student for six years in Pomona College and for this reason President Blaisdell was present and participated in the dedication services. He said in part: "The music of this organ each week will help build the soul of music among the children who are to grow up and continue the work. Is it not beautiful that a life can be perpetuated in this way, for when people shall hear this organ in the years to come, they will know who Pearl Harris was; it will fulfill her ministry which will continue to be a living force in the world."

Palo Alto

The church is happy in having secured a pastor, successor to Bryant C. Preston, who recently resigned this pastorate. Rev. Willard B. Thorp, who has for the past twelve years been pastor of the San Diego First, has been preaching for the Palo Alto people and they have united in calling him to this important field. He has accepted the cordial invitation of the church and began his new pastorate on October 24th. Dr. Thorp was for many years, before coming to California, pastor of the South church in Chicago. Northern California welcomes him to her work and wishes for him and his new charge happiness, growth and large service.

Bethany, Berkeley

The appeal of the Near East Relief Association was so urgent to this little church that it gives $14 to the needy orphans of Armenia.

Bay Point

The representative of the Near-East Relief was not daunted by the small attendance one Sunday evening of only nine adults and two children. He went on with his story, he made his appeal, and came away with pledges for the starving orphans to the amount of $90. A generous people that.

San Francisco, Mission

Though without a pastor, this church was happy in the reception of five new members on the morning of October 3. The blessed influence of Fred Holloway is still dominant in the church.

Oakland, Calvary

Wm. A. Schwimley, pastor. The Men's League to the number of fifty sat down to a banquet prepared by the ladies of the church on September 24. The principal address of the evening was given by Mr. Titus of the Y. M. C. A. One evening in October about sixty of the church people gave the pastor and his wife an old-fashioned surprise party; they brought along with them in orthodox fashion ice-cream and cake, and a jolly good time. To the question, "Are we going to stand behind our pastor in all that he undertakes?" came the answer from sixty stentorian throats, "Ab-so-lute-ly!!" Calvary has adopted a new pass word, "Absolutely." This church is boasting that it carried off the banner for attendance at the Bay Association—twenty-two present.

WHEN FALL BEGINS

All Summer long
My world was wrapped away
In leafy folds of living green.
Which way you looked no house was seen,
No glimpse of curving gray
Where winds the road.

All summer long
The valley seemed a well
Of seething green and deep untold,
Where sunbeams sunk their shafts of gold;
And not a bird would tell
What lay below!

Now thinning boughs
Reveal a hidden wall—
A peering chimney top—a roof;
No longer can I live aloof;
My neighbor's nearness calls.
And I must heed.

Through bronzing boughs
The chill white mists arise,
And soon from every chimney-throat
The smoke from evening hearths will float—
And I will turn my eyes
To watch the road.

THE WHOLE CHURCH

One of the best missionary magazines published is the Missionary Review of the World. It is a great interdenominational magazine; it covers the whole work of the whole church in the whole world. It does not compete with denominational publications, but adds to them. We have a club rate with it. The subscription price of the Pacific is $1.00; of the Missionary Review, $2.50. You may have them both for $3.00, if you will send your orders to us.

A NEW FIELD OF SERVICE

Rev. E. J. Singer representing the Congregational work visited Cascada, the seat of the Edison Power Company's work the first of the month. The Sunday School, which was organized at his last visit, had increased in numbers from 25 to 50.

The leaders felt that a piano was needed to aid in the singing. A subscription was made. The amount soon gathered was more than enough to pay for the instrument, so that they "Praise the Lord on an instrument of many strings, together with their voices."

The school house was too small for the public school, and was being enlarged, consequently a meeting was held in the lobby of the hotel when Mr. Singer talked upon the lesson to the school in a body. At night a preaching service was held in the club house. The speaker was flanked on one side by a billiard table, on the other by the piano, in front an audience of about 60.

A great many young men are in this camp, bright, active, young fellows, from the university, and other schools. They seem to enjoy the life of work and 5,000 feet altitude.

A sermon has been promised them on the "Model Young Man" sometime in the future. There is a great work to do all along this line. A man should spend a month organizing and establishing the work.

The name Cas-cad-a is Spanish and means "Vanishing Cascade." Rather romantic isn't it.

MONDAY CLUB

September 27. Prof. Evans in his lecture upon Religious Education. Condensed beyond condensation. He defined: "The aim of religious education is the development of the immature human to an understanding of and a corresponding loyalty to the Kingdom of God." This should and must result in love and service to man growing out of love to God. One significant quotation was taken from Prof. Coe's latest book: "Every birth is a fresh incarnation of the ultimate meaning of things." A good attendance with a few ministers of other denomniations present.

October 4. Mayor Bartlett of Berkeley addressed the club upon "Good City Government." He is a clear, logical, convincing speaker; and Berkeley is fortunate in having such a man at the head of municipal affairs. There have been four different forms of city government: (a) The Federal system, consisting of executive, legislative and judicial: a mayor, a council, and the courts; (b) Centralized power in the mayor, as when Seth Low was mayor of Brooklyn; (c) a Commisison System: with four or five commissioners as heads of departments; (d) a City Manager Commission System, based upon the analogy of "Big Business." A fifth one was suggested as best of all: a mayor and commissioners elective, and City Manager who shall be nothing but administrator.

THE INTERCHURCH STILL FUNCTIONING

According to Bishop Nicholson of Chicago, who is chairman of the committee of fifteen on reorganization, the Interchurch is alive, solvent, reorganized and effective. Sufficient funds have been pledged and paid to pay all debts of the old organization and to furnish the budget of the new until January 1. The new organization will soon be on a permanent basis with all the leading Protestant bodies co-operating.

A HAPPY BLUNDER

The Foreign Missions Committee asked the Presbyterian Sunday School at Hampden-Sidney, Va., to give $15.00 for a hospital in Africa. The secretary of the school in writing the request on the blackboard left out the point and made it $1500. At the close of the school he reported as follows:

"Total membership 80
Present to-day 50
Offering to-day $1,430.75

"Since these figures were put up on the board $15 has been added, bringing the total up to $1,545.75."

The Foreign Missionary Society ought to award that secretary a medal of honor.

There are no impossible tasks to really capable men.

e going of LaRue C. Watson to the Southern erence leaves vacant the position of Christian avor Representative so ably filled by Mr. Wat- The Executive Committee of the Board of Trus- of the Northern Conference extended a vote of ks and appreciation to him as his resignation was oted. Associate Superintendent Rowland B. e has been appointed to the position and will esent our denomination at all meetings of the tian Endeavor organization.

e Pacific University, the Methodist school at San announces that Rev. E. A. King of the Congre- nal church is to give lectures upon the "Psychol- of Religion."

DATED 1962 B. C.

you are descendant of Il Sinnutum, it will be to advantage to round up the children of Bar- a. The latter, a well known business man of ur in 1962 B. C., gave his note to the former for shekels at the rate of 40 per cent per year. The ds do not show that either principal or interest ever been paid. A member of the faculty of the ersity of Pennsylvania has figured that there is enough now to pay the national debt of any try in the world. The tablet-record has just been vered in Babylon research. It is probably the t note in existence.

JOSEPH BRAINERD IVES

st month we mentioned briefly the fact that brother had passed on to the other world. His and faithful service in the church of Christ de- es fuller mention. Mr. Ives was born at the d of Maui, H. T., in 1837. He was thus 83 years ge at the time of his death. His father and er were missionaries in Hawaii. When he was ears of age his father's health required that they ld come back to the States. They made the trip nd Cape Horn in 153 days.

studied in Yale, was married in 1876 to Mary is, a school teacher in New Haven. He became me missionary pastor in Kansas. In 1889 he to Paradise, California, and has lived in this ity since.

the Civil War time he served in the Christian mission, was a school mate of General Arm- g, the founder of Hampton Institute.

was instrumental in raising money for and ing the first church in Paradise; and held ser- s in a half dozen different places, often walking miles to meet his appointments. He has left d him a host of friends along the coast and a record of earnest living and working.

ITTLE JOURNEYS OF A GUARDIAN ANGEL

oseph said unto his brethren: 'I die, but God surely visit you.'" (Gen. 50:24).

was a long journey for a man to take; but short t spirit. For spirits count not miles nor regard e. His strong wings bore him along the San uin valley to a little place called Reedley, where n Armenian church just beginning to live and work. He was happy to find there an earnest pastor, V. H. Yessayen, and an increasingly appreciative people. He was especially happy to discover there a spiritual atmosphere about the work which is prophetic of near-by good results and permanency.

It was an easy flight—just a single flutter of the wing—to Dinuba, another beginning work among a German population. Albert Reiman is the under-shepherd here. What an area for one man to cover; families living as much as fifteen miles from town, and an outlying field 60 miles away where some thirty German families are asking for services. The Angel makes plea that this human pastor, without angel wings, be furnished with a religious Ford. For his work is too wide and strenuous for human or even equine legs.

Something moved the visiting Messenger to make flight to Guerneville just in time to see gathering a fine Sunday evening audience. As he hovered nearby looking and listening the lights went out. Perhaps the storm, but more probably some malign and evil-minded spirits, for such there are even along the Russian river. But the saints are equal to any emergency; here and there in the congregation flashlights were turned on and the sweet Singer of the Northern Conference proceeded with his ministrations.

The Messenger of the churches took flight from there with great confidence that the work will not fail, and that the powers of darkness shall have no final victory. He hesitated a brief spell over the congregation at San Rafael attracted by the beautiful music that adorned the service. Unbeknown to any he breathed a benediction upon the soul of Earl Williver—the young theological student who is rendering this fine service among the Sunday school pupils as well as in the church worship.

But the visiting Messenger is not limited to the Sabbath day. One week-day evening he was delighted to come across a very happy crowd of people of all sorts of belief who had come together to welcome to the love and work of Petaluma an under-shepherd who had been enticed down from the mountains—C. E. Robinson. The Messenger was all smiles at the festivities and the manifest prophecy of good in such a gathering.

To Reno from Petaluma is many a mile, but wings of the spirit bring you there in no time. Perhaps unity produces more joy than any other thing in the heart of the Messenger. Two churches worshipping and working together as one! To be Federated is to bear the insignia of honor. The spirit looked benignly down upon the two Sunday schools in their two buildings, the Congregational and Presbyterian; but the joy of that Sabbath morning came when the two congregations gathered together in the one edifice and worshipped the one Lord as one people. The mellow, melting tones of the new organ and the union of Christian voices in praise would have drawn tears to his eyes if angels ever weep; but there are no tears even of joy among the blessed.

Satisfied the happy Messenger folded his peaceful wings and glided back to his rest with a heart full of good tidings from the churches.

OUR PRICELESS BIBLE

Mayflower Universal Bible Sunday is to be observed by all denominations everywhere in this country on November 28th.

Among the priceless treasures of the British Museum guarded during the war with sand barricades were the early copies in print and manuscript of the Bible.

The great library at Paris contains three million volumes; but its most precious ones, the Bible volumes, were sent by special lorries during the dark days of the war to the basement of the library at Bordeaux. Of all those 3,000,000 volumes, one hundred books outweigh in value all the rest. If the consciousness of the race could speak, or better, if it could exhibit the sources of its advancement the choice of those best would not be difficult.

Were all the volumes of the Paris library flung into one sale—a scale like that in which the mountains were weighed—and that single book placed in the other, the Bible would outweigh them all. The Bible so excels all other books, it seems almost sacrilege to call it a "book" at all. God prepared its mold; His breath fed its immortal fires; His almighty hand flung it forth upon the pathway of men to await its fulfilling.

Across the path of the Pilgrim this Bible came. He took it to his heart and home. He brought it across the seas, and it nerved him to meet and endure the hardship of life on these bleak shores. And upon it he founded a nation. In recognition of this great pilgrimage it is fitting that the Protestant churches should honor this Mayflower Bible Sunday.

The American Bible Society (122 McAllister Ave., S. F.) has prepared "The Pilgrim and the Book," a beautiful dramatic setting; "A Little Journey to Plymouth," and other material to assist churches and church schools to enter fittingly into this celebration.

Every Congregational church should be proud to observe this three hundredth anniversary of the coming of the Bible-honoring Pilgrims.

MINISTERIAL RETREAT

The Earl lectures are to be delivered for the Pacific School of Religion in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on the evenings of November 16, 17 and 18. The lecturer is Dr. Richard Roberts of New York, and his theme is "Jesus' World and Ours." The three lectures are "A Comparison and a Contrast," "The New Life, Its Value and Standards," and "The Creation of a People."

Along with the lectures there is to be a "retreat" of ministers of all denominations, beginning Tuesday afternoon and extending through Thursday evening. The afternoon sessions are to consider: (a) The inner life of the minister; (b) The intellectual life, and (c) The cure of souls. The morning sessions are programmed to consider among other themes: The minister and his Bible; his message; the conduct of public worship; lives transformed.

Aside from the professors of the School of Religion and the Earl lecturer, the other speakers are to be Bishop Parsons, Prof. White of San Anselmo, P. Bennet, and Prof J. W. Johnson.

Further information concerning the "retreat" c be obtained by conferring with Prof. William F. Ba 2223 Atherton Street., Berkeley.

WHAT DOES THE NEGRO WANT?

By a White Southerner.

What does the Negro want? A Mississippi wh man answers, "As good a chance for his boy girl as you or I want for ours—in his own cro but reaching up to the white standards." The Mis sippian is right.

What the Negro does want and what the best wh people of the south want for him is an equal cha for personal and social development; equal prot tion and security under the law; equal opportuni economic, industrial, educational; equal courtesi equal conveniences and comforts in street cars, ra way coaches, sleeping and dining cars. And this has never had.

When he pays the same fare, he wants the sa service. He ought to have it. He likes a separa coach among his own people just as we do, but does not want an inferior coach. What he loat and detests is the constant reminder that he is inf ior (You wouldn't like it yourself. Nobody doe that anything is "good enough for a 'nigger'"; t sanitation and sewage and police protection a paved streets and parks and playgrounds are necessary for him; that moral leprosy and seg gated vice may preempt territory in his neighborh and be safe from civic interest and disturba ("nobody cares"); that he is discriminated aga not on account of lack or merit but on account color; that his wife and daughter is not safe fr improper suggestions on account of the lack of ra respect and honor.

Here is the solution—inter-racial respect. For l of it, both races are in peril. Without it a great g is fixed between the two races. Moral safety mands a deep and abiding respect for personal inter-racial and on all inter-graded social levels we are to escape the moral backwash between ra and classes of society. Here we need a wider deeper democracy.

A Chinese professor in the University of Pek himself not a confessed Christian, writes in the "N Young Man," a magazine that circulates among non-Christian intellectual leaders: "We do not n to ask teaching of theology, and will not trust to ecclesiastical ceremonies, nor do we need to emp size any sect; we will go direct and knock at door of Jesus himself. We will ask that we become one with his lofty and great character with his warm and deep feeling."

San Francisco Presbytery reports that during last four years fifty-two of its fifty-seven churc have increased their pastors' salaries, the aver rising from $1,620 to $2,575. The strictly home sion churches increased the average salary f $1,200 to $1,800.